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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Quaker Meeting

The next Hilltown Quaker Meeting (a worship group in the manner of Friends) will be Sunday 26 March 2023 at 10 AM (the fourth Sunday of the month). We shall meet inside in the minister's study at the Village Church, 32 Main Street, in Cummington. There will be an air purifier going, but masks are encouraged

This meeting is unprogrammed, which means we worship in silence unless the Spirit moves one strongly to speak, and then one usually stands if able. Or one can come and simply meditate in silence.

Seating will be in a circle with a safe distance apart from each other.

There will be a free N-95 mask for any person who needs one.

Children are welcome, but parents will have to keep an eye on them as there will be no child care. There will also be no refreshments.

Please join us in silent worship.

What is Beyond the Bin?

Beyond the Bin is for next-level searching. The directory helps Massachusetts residents find recycling and reuse outlets for household items—including old electronics, plastic bags, furniture, and textiles—that cannot be recycled with household bottles, cans and paper. Use this link: <https://recyclesmartma.org/beyond-the-bin-search/>

Monthly technical support now available!

Technology support available!

Community House

3rd Tuesday of each month, 1–3 PM

March 21, April 18

May 16, June 20

Call/text Peg Whalen 413-404-4566 or email nhillcoastech@gmail.com

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month between 1 and 3 PM, Peg Whalen will offer technical support at the Community House (conference room next to the kitchen). She will assist with questions about assorted devices and their use, including smartphones, mobile phones, iPads, tablets, ePhoto frames, smart TVs, printing, laptops, internet, and many apps and software.

Upcoming dates: March 21, April 18. Call or text Peg at 413-404-4566 or email nhillcoastech@gmail.com in advance to schedule enough time for help with your specific needs.



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Ed. Note:

Several items in this issue were taken from the town website and the Council on Aging newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to check the town site for local meetings and information at <https://cummington-ma.gov/index.php>

You can get a copy of the Council on Aging newsletter by contacting Chrisoula Roumeliotis at 413-634-2262 or croumeliotis@cummington-ma.gov

Friday Night Café

The cafe carries on with one of our favorites—The Old Fashioneds—on March 10 from 7–9 PM at the Village Church in beautiful downtown Cummington.

The Old-Fashioneds is a three-woman project based out of Western Mass/Southern VT. They began singing together outside a bar late one night, and haven't stopped since! Driven by tight three-part harmonies and a strong rhythmic pulse, they draw repertoire from old-time fiddle tunes, bluegrass standards, Cajun dance music & early country. Across genre, they interpret old songs with a love of tradition, and intuitive feel for the music's emotional core. They easily connect to audiences in settings from intimate concerts, to square dances, to rowdy barrooms.

Feel free to come early for warm cider, cookies and a bit of “sound check socializing”. Masks are encouraged, and alternate pews will be closed to provide some separation as we come together... yeah, I know...

So much fun... once again brought to you by the friendly folks at the Village Church who believe music can be a powerful force for building community.

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, March 15th, 12-1:30 at the Community House dining room.

Featuring: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Onions and Irish Soda Bread. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Grab and Go Hot Meal

The next meals will be distributed on Tuesday, March 14th and Tuesday, March 28th. Pick up your meal between noon and 12:30 at the Community House. If you are interested in either or both meals, leave your name and phone number with the COA at 634-2262 or croumeli-otis@cummington-ma.gov by March 7th. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal, which goes to Highland Valley Elder Services.

Help Wanted

The Town of Cummington is looking for someone to handle outdoor and some indoor maintenance of two of our municipal buildings. Position to be filled as soon as possible. Responsibilities would include:

Snow removal of sidewalks, ramps and doorways; Roof snow raking; Sidewalk sanding and refilling sand buckets; Autumn debris removal and gutter cleaning; Weekly walkthroughs to check for any issues during winter months.

Please send resume and references to selectboard@cummington-ma.gov or call 413-634-5354.

Aging Gracefully in the Hilltowns

This is a Community discussion group, sponsored by the Council on Aging, focusing on Living Fully, Aging Gracefully, and Befriending Death, open to residents of the Hilltown area.

We talk about it all here, the good, the bad and the ugly! It's a chance to share challenges and solutions, hopes and fears about aging well and living fully. Practical or philosophical, funny or sad - often both at the same time. Come join us!

We meet via zoom—the second Tuesday of each month from 1–3 PM. If you would like to join us online please send an email beforehand to Annie or Lucy.

For further information please contact: Wynne or Lucy 634 5576, wynlucy@gmail.com or Annie annieb@crocker.com

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 413 320-6544. The church charges a very nominal fee for upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming! Spring is coming!